Gender sensitization in universities

†2437. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that such a direction was given by the Supreme Court in 1997 and later by National Human Rights Commission to form special Committees in universities besides all other working places to dispose of gender sensitization matters;

(b) if so, whether such Committees have been formed in all universities; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the UGC, Committees have been formed in most Universities.

Mungekar Committee Report

2438. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mungekar Committee constituted by UGC to review the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination has, in its interim report, recommended the exemption of Ph. D. and M. Phil. degree holders from NET for appointment as lecturer for PG & UG level teaching respectively;

(b) if so, the details of its main recommendations;

(c) what is the recommendation of the Committee regarding appointment for the post of Assistant Librarian; and

(d) the action taken or being taken to accept and implement the recommendations made by the Committee?

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†Orlginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Mungekar Committee has submitted its interim report and the recommendations are as follows:

(i) So far as the postgraduate level tecaching is concerned, the candidates having Ph. D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.

(ii) As regards the undergraduate level teaching, the candidates having M. Phil. or Ph.D. degree should be exempted from acquiring NET qualifications for being considered for the post of lecturers.

According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the above recommendation has been accepted in principle by the University Grants Commission in its meeting held on 7-4-06.

(c) and (d) The Committee has not submitted any recommendation for appointment to the post of Assistant Librarian.

Higher educational institutions in the country

2439. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of higher educational institutions in the country, State-wise as on 30th June, 2006;

(b) whether Government are seriously considering to set up such institutes in the near future;

(c) if so, the State-wise details thereof, particularly in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the details of financial assistance expected to be released, State-wise and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), at present there are 357 Universities and equivalent institutions in India. Besides, there are 4230 AICTE approved technical institutions at on